



Hunter Soldiers help fight fires

Steve Hart
Hunter Public Affairs Officer

Persistent drought conditions combined with high winds and low humidity have fueled wildfires in southeast Georgia scorching more than 80,000 acres of forest and swamp. The Georgia Forestry Commission and Georgia Emergency Management Agency requested support from the U.S. Army, April 25 and answering the call were eight Soldiers from the 514th Engineer Firefighting Detachment based at Hunter Army Airfield.

Immediately after Forces Command approved the request for

forces early April 27, Staff Sgt. Adam Law, military fire chief and detachment commander of the 514th, was enroute with his seven Soldiers and two vehicles to report for duty to augment the more than 800 personnel from a multitude of local, state and federal agencies fighting the enormous blaze.

"This is a very important mission," Law said. "Tens of thousands of acres have been destroyed, eighteen structures have been turned to ashes, more than 100 residents have had to evacuate, schools and roads are closed and smoke is filling the air for miles."

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Battalion blowout bash makes fun memories

Sgt. Kevin Stabinsky
2nd BCT Public Affairs

Soldiers and Family members of the 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, prepared for deployment in an unusual manner April 27 – by having a party.

The Soldiers, as part of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, are scheduled to deploy in May and took this day to have fun with their comrades and Family members.

"This was our last opportunity to get out and have fun before deploy-

ment," said Lt. Col. Kenneth Adgie, 1/30 Inf. commander. "We did it for esprit 'decors'."

Friendly camaraderie was built through a variety of ways. Companies within the battalion competed in seven different sporting events - soccer, ultimate Frisbee, water volleyball, walleyball (a handball variant), dodge ball, football and basketball – not just for bragging rights, but also to build team spirit, cohesiveness and a can-do winning attitude.

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3rd HBCT surveys water station

Spc. Ben Hutto
3rd HBCT Public Affairs

FORWARD OPERATING BASE HAMMER, Iraq – In the midst of trying to build a home away from home for Fort Benning troops, leadership at the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team is trying to improve conditions for their Iraqi neighbors.

Lt. Col. Ryan Kuhn, the deputy commanding officer for 3rd HBCT, 3rd Infantry Division, took several key leaders with him out to the Al Kakaf pump station to see if the

facilities were lacking in any area.

"There is a water shortage in the Nahrwan area," explained Kuhn.

"We are trying to assist in fixing the pumps so the good people of the Nahrwan area have good drinking water and water for their crops."

The 3rd HBCT took an hour to thoroughly inspect the pumps, pipes and electrical system of the station and to try and determine the best way to get the station working to its full potential.

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Sgt. 1st Class Tami Reiman

Spc. Nicholas Delvaux, a military intelligence computer technician with 4th Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division, fingerprints Spc. Jason Hunsicker, a wheel-vehicle mechanic with 703rd Brigade Support Battalion, prior to the Soldiers flying out to participate in an exercise at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif. Before departure, all Soldiers had to have a current isolated personnel report filled out, which included the Soldier's fingerprints, photo, personal information and authentication statements.

CAB takes time to laugh with an evening of music, comedy

Pfc. Monica Smith
CAB Public Affairs

An evening of comedy was put together by Capt. Robin Johnson, commander of A Co., 603rd Aviation Support Battalion and Capt. Cayton Johnson, commander of D Co., 1st Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment as a way to show appreciation to the Soldiers of the units.

The event took place last week at the Hunter Club at Hunter Army Airfield.

In addition to a comedic act, featuring comedian Chris Monty, the evening included a live music opening by local talent Tosh Francis, a gospel reggae singer.

The intermission featured a DVD slideshow of photos from the past year. Door prizes were given to including gift cards.

Refreshments were also made available and included free draft beer, chocolate fondue, three buffets, two service bars and a cake. The event was planned by the two captains, who were married, during Easter weekend while spending time with Family in Florida.

This will be the fourth deployment for the Johnsons. They deployed once to

Afghanistan, and this deployment will be their third to Iraq.

"We were just sitting around talking about how we were getting ready to go (to Iraq) and thinking what we could do for the Soldiers, something we could give to them - some entertainment before we left," said Cayton.

Barbara Flynn, a Family friend, joined the Johnsons for dinner one evening and listened as they discussed ideas for a party.

"Robin said she wanted a clean comedian," said Flynn. "The party was originally scheduled for last weekend. I didn't know of anyone who would be free on the weekend, two weekends out."

Flynn asked Monty if he would be able to perform.

Monty said he did have some free days the following week.

"The plan was to have a night of fun before they go to Iraq," said Monty.

"I was working all last week and had days open this week. I hope to get as many free drinks as I can," said Monty while laughing. "I just hope I can make everybody laugh and smile. Just make people take a few moments out of their lives to laugh. Take a moment to laugh in life."

Spiritual Luncheon
11:30 a.m., May 17 at Club Stewart
For more information, call Col. Michael Walker at 767-1273



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Marne 6 Sends

Remember OPSEC, enforce standards for security

Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch
3rd Inf. Div. commanding general

The enemy is watching, listening, and studying everything you see, hear, and read. This is a fact that is as relevant in Hinesville and Columbus as it is in Baghdad and the capitols of other nations around the world.

Dog Faced Soldiers of old probably told each other and their Families and friends that “loose lips sink ships.” That was their way of reminding each other that the enemy in their wars was always listening and was waiting for the right time to strike.

In their day, there was heavy censorship of mail and very limited communication with home. Such practices are impractical and unfair today. But it is just as necessary to be on guard.

Suspend disbelief. This is the age of information, the Internet, instantaneous messaging, and cell phone communication. We give emphasis to operational security, OPSEC as it is called, communications security or COMSEC, and personal security. This is everyone's business on both sides of the Atlantic. Let me tell you how you are involved.

Whether you are a Soldier, a civilian employed by the Army, or the Family member of one, you are exposed to information that the enemy wants. The best guards are to be aware, to control sensitive information and material, and

engage leadership.

It starts off innocently. A uniform is unserviceable and is thrown in the garbage. A Soldier that is proud of his work tells his father on the phone about the latest gadget he was fielded. A mother emails her daughter that her airplane is leaving at a certain time and she will be home on a certain date.

Then things go awry. The uniform, plucked from the garbage is worn as a disguise. In its pocket was a thumb drive with diagrams of security points on a PowerPoint presentation. The gadget discussion was monitored by special listening devices in a far east Asia capitol and given to scientists who countered the capabilities of the gadget and terrorists altered their tactics. And at the airport, someone was waiting.

Yes, OPSEC, communications security, and personal security is that serious. So be aware.

As a rule, Soldiers should never discuss the capabilities of special weapons and the devices they use to perform their missions. The fact that some of the information is available on the Internet already does not give users the authority to talk about capabilities and limitations. “Cool” does not mean unclassified.



It's fine to talk about the work you do. Especially with Families. But persons with access to sensitive information, persons with security clearances should not disclose that information unnecessarily. And under no circumstances should a person disclose classified information to someone without an appropriate clearance.

I would caution Family members to be patient and not pursue questions with their loved ones that may lead to a discussion of our capabilities and vulnerabilities. If you sense that something was said or is about to be said that is operationally sensitive, stop the conversation.

The movement of material and personnel is a huge mission for our garrison and everyone anxiously awaits departures and returns. Movements in theater are carefully protected both in terms of communication as well as physical. Just be aware that the enemy does watch and listen and he really does want to break a heart. So avoid talking about flight times, departure and arrival locations, and convoy operations.

Terrorism is world wide and often state sponsored. So, all the capabilities for tapping into computers, listening to phones, and exploiting our protected material is at the disposal of people that

want to do us harm.

Control protected material.

As a rule, devices for storing classified material should remain in controlled areas. There are procedures for handling this sort of material and your unit's special security officer can advise you on the correct procedures. But caution is needed.

Too often books with secret information, computer discs, and drives are mishandled, lost, or left unattended. This happens at home station and here and it must stop.

Properly dispose of garbage. Shredders should be used to protect all sensitive operational and personal information.

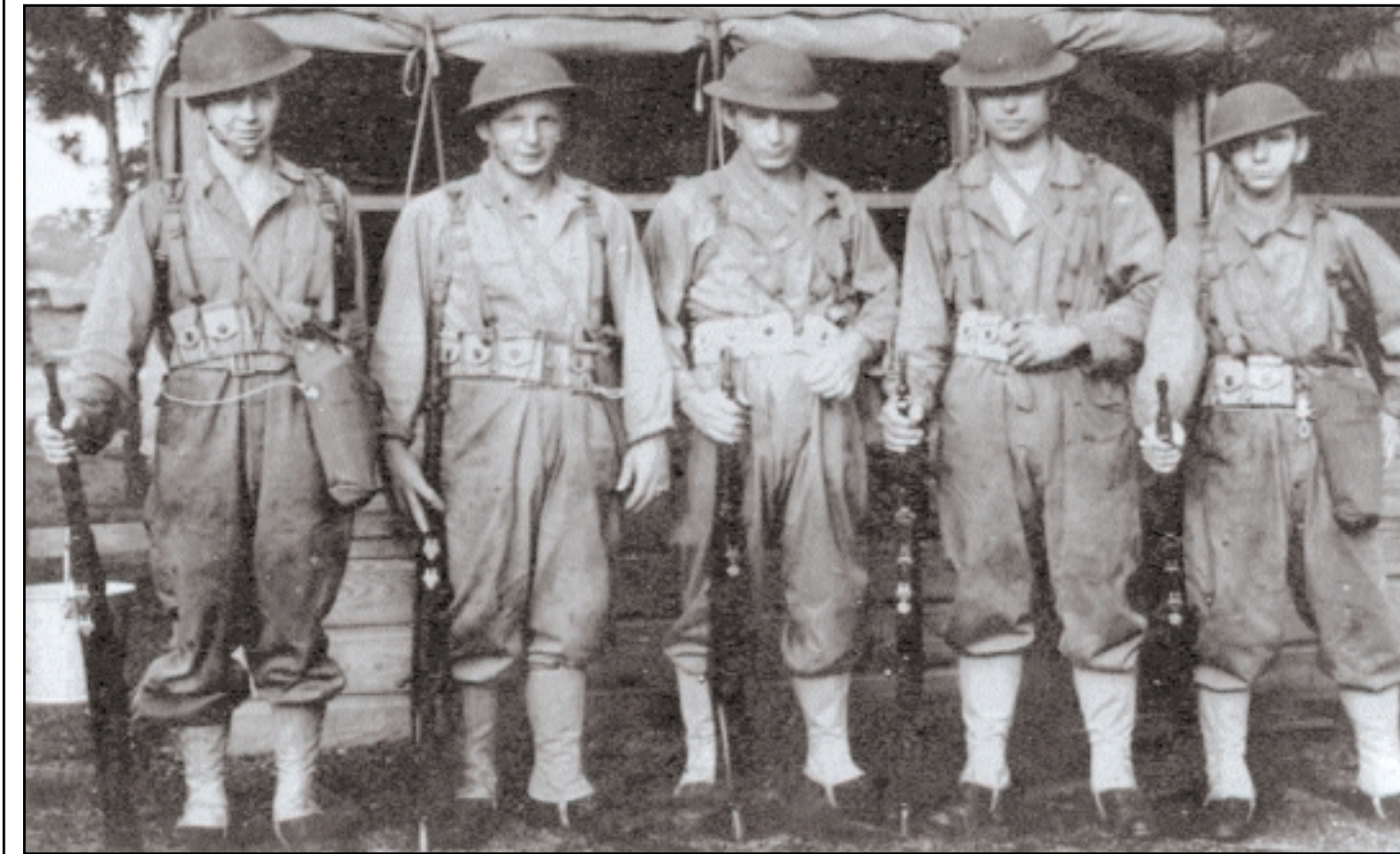
Identification badges and cards are carefully concealed and protected. When disposed of, uniforms should have all patches and nametapes removed.

Now, this list is not exhaustive. There are other measures that can be taken and this is where leadership is so important.

Leaders have to be engaged. They must teach their Soldiers, their Families, and their employees the standards and the best procedures for operational, communications and personal security. And collectively, we must enforce standards for the sake of the entire team.

Keep safe and protect each other. ROCK OF THE MARNE!

A moment in history... from Fort Stewart's Museum Archives



Soldiers of the 209th Coast Artillery, New York National Guard pose in their battery attire at Camp Stewart, 1941.

The 209th was from personnel from the cities of Rochester and Buffalo, New York. From left to right: Pvt. Milt Simmons, Pvt. Marlin F. “Lefty” Sheppard, unknown, Pvt. Ed Valeska and Pvt. Francis B. “Mouse” Fisher.

U.S. Army Photograph courtesy of Fort Stewart Museum

Heat Injury Prevention Tips

Slow Down

Avoid strenuous activity. If you must do strenuous activity, do it during the coolest part of the day, which is usually between 4 a.m. and 7 a.m. Allow more time to accomplish your job due to increase in rest periods during the day.

Stay indoors as much as possible. If air conditioning is not available, stay on the lowest floor, out of the sunshine.

Wear lightweight, light-colored clothing to reflect away some of the sun's energy.

Follow your organizational hydration plan.

Drink plenty of water regularly and often.

Drink plenty of fluids even if you do not feel thirsty.

Water is the safest liquid to drink during heat emergencies. Avoid drinks with alcohol or caffeine in them. They can make you feel good briefly, but make the heat's effects on your body worse. This is especially true about beer, which actually dehydrates the body.

Eat small meals and eat more often. Avoid foods that are high in protein, which increase metabolic heat.

Heat injuries and symptoms

Heat cramps/exhaustion

Weakness or inability to work
Muscle cramps
Dizziness
Headache
Clumsiness, unsteadiness, staggering gait
Irritability (grouchy)
Involuntary bowel movement

Heat Stroke

Convulsions and chills
Vomiting
Confusion, mumbling
(Does not know who, when, where)
Combative
Passing out (unconscious)

These are very serious conditions and require medical treatment as soon as possible.

Fluid Replacement Chart

Heat Category	WBGT	Easy Work		Moderate work		Hard work	
		Work/Rest	Water intake Qt/Hr	Work/Rest	Water intake Qt/Hr	Work/rest	Water intake Qt/Hr
1	78-81.9	No limit	Half-quart	No limit	three-fourth quart	40/20	three-fourth quart
2	82-84.9	No limit	Half-quart	50/10 minutes	three-fourth quart	30/30	1 quart
3	85-87.9	No limit	three-fourth quart	40/20 minutes	three-fourth quart	30/30	1 quart
4	88-89.9	No limit	three-fourth quart	30/30 minutes	three-fourth quart	20/40	1 quart
5	>90	50/10 minutes	1 quart	20/40 minutes	1 quart	10//50	1 quart

* CAUTION: Hourly fluid intake should not exceed 1 quart.
* Daily fluid intake should not exceed 12 quarts.

Soldiers relax in Baghdad

Freedom Rest provides a get-a-way for deployed troops

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BAGHDAD, Iraq – The Soldiers bearing the load of battlefield operations are not always afforded the luxury of rest and relaxation. When they do receive a break to decompress, it is in their best interest to make the most of the opportunity. Enter Freedom Rest, an oasis in the center of the Iraqi capital which affords Soldiers the opportunity to escape the stressors of life on the front line of the Global War on Terrorism.

With the additional three months of service mandated for all active-duty Soldiers, the ability to escape, if for even just a few days, is greater than ever. Freedom Rest allows just such a getaway.

Freedom Rest proves not every mission in Iraq requires body armor, ammunition and a strong constitution. While partaking in some much earned, and needed, rest and relaxation, Soldiers may wear civilian attire, lock their weapons up and cut loose for four days of recuperation.

Located in the International Zone, Freedom Rest allows Soldiers to take a break from it all without leaving the Operation Iraqi Freedom theater of operations. The only challenge at Freedom Rest is deciding what to do.

The Morale Welfare and Recreation staff schedules various events, including: basketball, flag football, poker, dodge ball, karaoke, tug of war and a big splash competition. The staff photographs and video tapes Soldiers enjoying themselves and then provides them with a compact disc to remember the experience.

A complimentary Internet café provides 24-hour service as well as wireless service. Soldiers can speak with friends and family at no cost. There is a room for Soldiers to record video messages to DVD.

For Soldiers who are parents, an assortment of children's books is available. The books may be read to the camera, so children can watch the DVDs as a bed-time story.

For the active Soldier, there is a certified personal trainer on site.

A combat stress team and chaplain meet incoming Soldiers on their arrival and remain available by appointment during their entire stay.

The typical services for Soldiers are also present, including a Post Exchange and barber shop.

Although General Order Number One remains in effect the whole visit, at Freedom Rest civilian clothes are authorized and local vendors on the premises sell affordable attire. Body armor and weapons are stored for guests' stay.

Despite the many enticing amenities of Freedom Rest, it's more than just a resort for some Soldiers who carry more than their rucksack through the doors. It's a chance for Soldiers to take a step back from the combat zone and live like there were no improvised explosive devices to spot, explosively-formed projectiles to fear or battle buddies who would not be making the trip home.

Relaxation is really what the MWR staff is employed to provide.

"We're here to make sure you have a good time. We want you to relax," said Craig Miller, a certified personal trainer at Freedom Rest.

Originally, the Freedom Rest facility served Saddam Hussein's Republican Guard as an officers' club.

The villas Soldiers occupy today housed Iraqi officers prior to 2003. After the U.S. invasion of Iraq, the 1st Armored Division opened the facility to Multi-National Division – Baghdad Soldiers in October 2003.

Since then, Freedom Rest has hosted more than 35,000 Soldiers, said Sgt. 1st Class Stephen Sanders, the facility's noncommissioned officer-in-charge.

"We really try to take care of the Soldier and we have nothing but good times scheduled for the Soldier," said Sanders.

"When it comes time for them to leave, they don't want to, and all they say is that 'I hope to get another chance to come back to Freedom Rest.'"

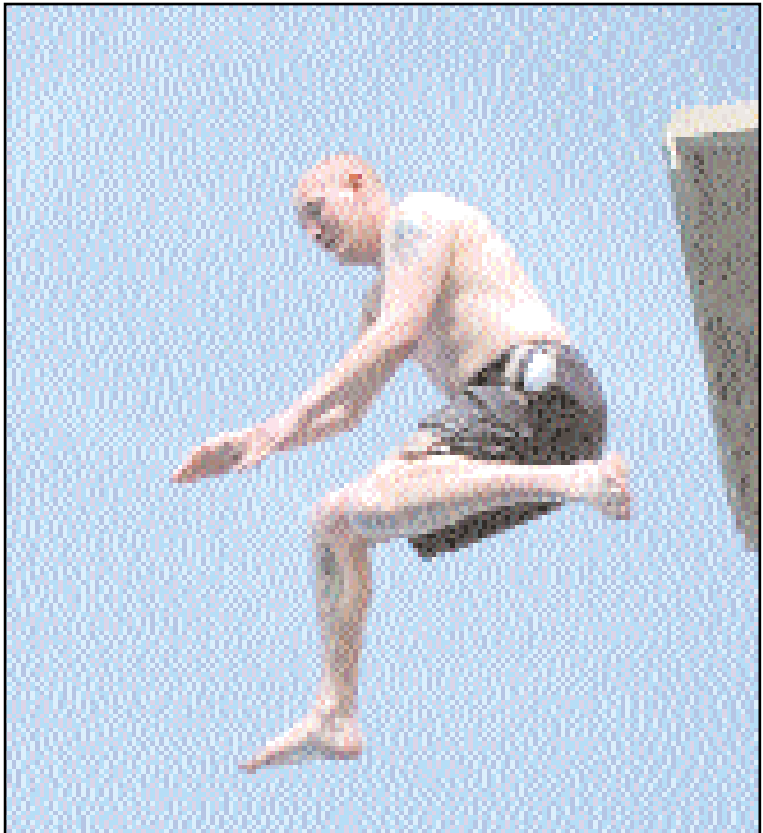
More than just a resort for Soldiers to enjoy themselves, Freedom Rest is a tool for commanders to use.

"I want leadership to know about Freedom Rest and be able to send their Soldiers here. Even though they say they're not able to lose a Soldier for four days, this is a prime opportunity for Soldiers to be totally refreshed," Sanders said.

"It's the only R and R facility within the Iraqi theater, so it allows the leadership to send their Soldiers for four days instead of losing them for nine if they go to Qatar."

Currently, only 45 percent of Freedom Rest's capacity is being utilized, meaning reservations are available despite the on-going surge of troops into Baghdad, Sanders said.

Freedom Rest also hosts conferences and meetings. The Falaniko Inn is a six-bedroom and 16-bed house for units to come together in a living room atmosphere for team building or professional development, Sanders said.



Photos by Spc. L.B. Edgar

A Soldier leaps from the 30-foot high-dive into the pool during a Big Splash competition at Freedom Rest.



The view from the high-dive platform shows the layout of Freedom Rest, a Morale, Welfare and Recreation resort in the heart of Baghdad. Despite the surge of troops into the Iraqi capital, there are room availabilities for Soldiers seeking a brief respite from day-to-day operations.

Fort Stewart revs up for motorcycle safety day

Sgt. 1st Class Tami Reiman
4th BCT Public Affairs

The majority of motorists consider themselves above-average drivers when it comes to operating a vehicle. No one ever thinks they will be involved in a vehicle crash, but no one is perfect - and that's why it's called an accident.

Accidents happen, but one way to help minimize accidents is by properly preparing drivers – to include motorcyclists – for the road. Motorcycling has become an increasingly popular sport; however, it can be risky. But through proper training and preparation, accidents can be reduced, or at times prevented.

One way Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield leadership is helping minimize this risk is by offering free motorcycle safety courses for all servicemembers, Family members, and civilian employees associated with the 3rd Infantry Division. And the one person who is taking the lead on this is Hector Eide, the Army Traffic Safety Training Program lead instructor at Fort Stewart.

"At this time, the Army motorcycle fatality rate is not higher than the general public," said Eide. "The mishap rate through-

out the nation is going up. However, although the rate is going up there is a proportionate amount of new motorcyclists, buying motorcycles. It's a corresponding trend."

In America there are nine million registered motorcycles. Of those, more than 33,400 Soldiers ride motorcycles. So far in fiscal year 2007, the installation has had no motorcyle fatalities.

As the motorcycle buying trend continues to rise, so has the awareness and training at Stewart. Currently the two-day Basic Rider's Course is offered each week at Stewart. But depending on the demand, Eide, and his team of three instructors, can offer the course three times a week. In addition to Stewart's training, the team of motorcycle instructors also provide training at Hunter one week per month.

The typical class size is six to eight students. In order to complete the course, each student must attend each session, pass a written knowledge exam and pass a riding-skill evaluation.

"I heard the driving portion of the class is good, especially for beginning riders," said Chief Warrant Officer Peter Rogers, a special agent with CID. "The classroom portion has been interactive and it gives you things to think about, things that car drivers don't take into consideration."

Rogers, along with two more students, attended the Basic Rider's Course May 2-3.

During those two days the students are equipped with the knowledge and basic skills to operate a motorcycle. On day one, students participate in classroom lecture complete with scenarios and a knowledge exam. On day two, students get the hands-on training, riding motorcycles.

Motorcycle operation is completely different than operating a four-wheeled vehicle; it is not intuitive, said Eide, who has 26 years of motorcycle riding experience.

"In a car you have one brake pedal, but on a motorcycle you have two controls that operate the brakes, often independently," Eide said. "Motorcycling steering is counter-intuitive. For instance, in a car when you're traveling at speeds above 10 miles per hour you turn the wheel right to make a right turn. On a motorcycle at speeds of 10 miles an hour or above you actually turn the handlebars left to cause the motorcycle to lean right, thus you have a right hand turn. It's completely counter-intuitive to everything we know as a car driver."

The number one cause of motorcycle crashes is operators who do not know how to properly operate the motorcycle.

"They think if they can drive cars, they can ride motorcycles," said Eide. "Bottom line, they don't have any training or they have limited training – do not know how to properly corner or turn the motorcycle at speed, how to properly brake or how to properly swerve to avoid an obstacle."

Eide added that the number one cause for crashes with multiple vehicles that include a motorcycle is caused by motorists failing to recognize a motorcyclist and failing to yield to the

motorcyclist, often times turning left in front of them.

"We could save an excess of 60 percent of the motorcycles out there if no one ever made a left hand turn," Eide said.

In order to help minimize motorcycle accidents and motorcycle fatalities, it is mandatory to successfully complete an approved rider or operator safety course prior to operation of any motorcycle, according to the Department of Defense Instruction 6055.4.

"We have training motorcycles that we use so they don't have to bring their own," Eide said. "In fact, (Major) General (Rick) Lynch wants Soldiers to learn how to ride before they buy. That way they are better equipped to make the best decision when they buy."

Eide said they've actually had success stories. Two Soldiers come into the class before they bought a motorcycle. They were thinking about buying a motorcycle and they decided after successfully completing training they weren't going to buy a motorcycle because of the inherent risk that they weren't willing to accept.

"We encourage all perspective and current motorcyclists to get the training before they continue to operate or buy a motorcycle," Eide said. "Additionally, for those who have been riding for a little while, at no cost, you can come back and re-fresh your skills."

In addition to attending the course, motorcyclists also are required to wear proper personal protective equipment. This equipment includes:

- Helmets -certified to meet Department of Transportation standards and properly fastened under the chin.
- Goggles and face shields - impact or shatter resistant goggles or full-face shield properly attached to the helmet.
- Sturdy footwear - leather boots or over the ankle shoes are strongly encouraged.
- Clothing - long sleeved shirt or jacket, long trousers, and full-fingered gloves or mittens designed for use on a motorcycle.
- Garment visibility - a brightly colored upper garment during the day and a reflective upper garment during the night.

For those who want to register for a class at Stewart or Hunter, go to home.comcast.net/~eide_h/mcsafety.html to download an application. For more information call 767-7879.

Eide's last tip to motorists is, "Watch out for motorcyclists, because not only are they men and women in the armed services, but they could be your grandparents, mother, father, daughter or son."

Editor's Note: Motor Vehicle Safety Day is May 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Fort Stewart Post Exchange parking lot. There will be displays set up by various military and civilian organizations.



Sgt. 1st Class Tami Reiman

Sgt. Undreed Buissereth, 92nd Chem., puts on his safety gear prior to operating a motorcycle.

Prepare for hurricanes, plan for the worst

Pat Young
Frontline Staff

Watching the Weather Channel, a person can understand the massive threat a Hurricane brings with strong winds, tornados, and flooding; but speaking from personal experience, the aftermath needs to be a major factor in your Family's disaster prevention planning.

During Hurricane Katrina, I was entrusted with the safekeeping of more than 300 people at a hurricane shelter in Gulfport, Miss.

The city had a good evacuation plan, and provided several shelters for those people who absolutely could not get out of harms way.

The shelters were stocked with a quantity of water, ready-to-eat-meals, AC/DC capable radios, batteries, emergency medical supplies, and staffed with two Red Cross trained volunteers.

When people began to show up, it quickly

became apparent that most hadn't planned for the storm. Many showed up without food, water and blankets. They didn't bring their medicines, important paperwork, or cash they might need after the storm. Most assumed they would wait out the storm and go home afterwards.

Two hours before the storm, people began to realize the danger and flooded into the shelter.

On August 28, 2005 a tidal surge nearly 25 feet above water level, struck Gulfport, destroying nearly everything along the first two blocks of Gulfport's five-mile coast.

The shelter didn't provide cots, and people lined the cold hallways and listened to the howl of the wind as it systematically tore pieces of the roof off, blew out glass windows,



and made ballistic missiles from tree branches and street signs.

As a result of the storm, nearly half the 80,000 population was left temporarily homeless. Large scale relief was weeks away. Many of the people didn't have homes to go home to, or couldn't get access to their homes if they tried due to flooding or debris.

Power was knocked out across the city. At the shelter, battery power ran out within a day or two. People didn't have enough gas in their cars to leave town.

All the shelters stayed operational for about three weeks, until help could arrive. Our shelter, housed numbers ranging from 200 to 300 on a regular basis. Drinking water, food, sanitation and security became the most important factors at the shelter.

A resident found a working water faucet near the shelter. Hoses were ran to help pro-

vide water to the shelter's kitchen. The water was boiled for drinking, used to manually flush toilets, and for make-shift showers.

Power was a major issue until a resident checked in and brought a generator. Many other residents donated gas to keep the generator going so it could charge cell phones, and keep the refrigerator operating.

Overall, the storm was harsh, but surviving the aftermath was the biggest challenge. My recommendation is leave if you can, but if you can't, gather as much information about preparedness as possible.

To learn more about hurricane and hurricane preparedness see the enclosed severe weather insert in this issue. In addition, Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield will hold severe weather briefs 5:30-7 p.m. May 15 and 24 at Moon Theater on Stewart and 5:30-7 p.m. May 31 at Hunter.

It's better to plan for the worst than get caught ill prepared.

Tips to help keep your housing area clean

Mellanie Crowther
Fort Stewart Housing Mayors

Spring has once again come to Fort Stewart, and it's time for our Army Family to think about spring cleaning. As the weather gets warmer, we all want to get outdoors and enjoy the sunshine. Here are a few suggestions and reminders from your mayors that we hope will lead us all into a fantastic summer.

Yards: The commissary will be having a plant sale this weekend, so get your flowerbeds ready! Each household is eligible to receive two bags of bark mulch from Self-Help. This can go a long way toward beautification, with the added benefit of preventing weeds from taking over your yards.

If you have a deployed Soldier, GMH will gladly arrange to have your fenced-in areas mowed for you. Just bring your Soldier's deployment orders to the GMH office, and you will be included on their list of yards to mow.

As the temperature rises, pet issues may also rise. If you

walk your dog on post, please be sure to carry a plastic bag with you so that you can police after your pet. No one wants to smell anything, or worse, step in it. You'll need to be more diligent about policing your yards, too, for the same reasons.

Please do not park your vehicles on the grass. Everyone has a driveway, and there is plenty of parking available for visitors and guests. Boats and campers are not to be kept in housing areas. Please contact Outdoor Recreation if you need to store such items.

Trash: Trash receptacles can be an environmental hazard at this time of year. Be sure to double-bag your trash to prevent nasty odors or an infestation of maggots. Empty any containers that accumulate rain water, as they are ideal breeding grounds for mosquitoes. Please pick up your newspapers from your driveway or the street in front of your house. If you don't care to read them, throw them in your recycling bin. They make a terrible mess when they've been rained on or driven over.

Safety: Please comply with posted speed limits, especially

when driving through housing areas. Remember that cell phone use is not allowed when you are operating a motor vehicle. Children under seven- years-old must be supervised at all times. Make sure that your children are wearing proper safety equipment when using bikes, scooters, skateboards, and/or roller blades. Wearing of helmets is required when using any of this equipment. Backyard pools may not be higher than twenty inches and may not be filled more than twelve inches deep. Pools must be emptied when not in use.

Common areas: Tidewater does a good job taking care of the grounds of Fort Stewart, but they can't be everywhere all the time. If every Family spent just 15 minutes a week picking up trash, cleaning a playground or parking lot, or sweeping a sidewalk, the results would be amazing, and it would be obvious to everyone why Stewart was chosen as an Army Community of Excellence three years in a row.

Your housing mayors wish you all a happy spring. We hope these tips will improve the quality of life for everyone in our Army Family. Get outside and show your pride!

Level-two drought conservation in effect

Special to the Frontline

Due to drought conditions across Georgia, the Director of the Environmental Protection Division has issued a level-two drought declaration for the entire state.

The declaration requires that Georgians immediately follow a more stringent outdoor water use schedule.

The level-two drought schedule is as follows:

Odd-numbered addresses may water only from midnight to 10 a.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays. Even-numbered and unnumbered addresses may water only from midnight to 10 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

The Board of Natural Resources adopted Rules for Outdoor Water Use, Chapter 391-3-30 in May 2004. Georgians are required to follow schedules for outdoor water use during both non-drought periods and during periods of

declared drought. The rules are consistent with Section 4 of the Georgia Drought Management Plan, which the Board adopted in 2003. The rules apply to any entity, and its customers, permitted by EPD for water withdrawal or for the operation of a public drinking water supply system.

Local governments and water providers are authorized to implement more stringent outdoor water use schedules within their jurisdictions.

Correction

On page 12A of the April 26 edition of The Frontline, the headline erroneously identified the Soldier from the 1st BCT. He was with 3rd Sustainment Bde.

Marne Voices Speak Out

If you are planning a vacation in Georgia, where would you go?

"Augusta to play at the golf course."

Wayne Barnes
Retired militay



"Tybee Beach."

Chasity Mead
Family member



"Savannah...lot of history there."

Sgt. 1st Class Robert Jones
HHC, 1/30 Inf.



"Fort Benning and its Infantry Museum."

Rod Van Dyck
Retired military



"Valdosta...water park."

Vivian Rivers
Retired Family member



"Atlanta because of Six Flags."

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Coalition Forces news



5 terrorists killed, 121 suspects detained



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Special to the Frontline

17 suspected terrorists detained

BAGHDAD, Iraq – Coalition Forces captured 17 suspected terrorists during a series of overnight raids targeting al-Qaeda in Iraq, Saturday.

Coalition Forces detained six suspected terrorists northwest of Karmah. Intelligence reports indicate they are connected to a group responsible for murders, kidnappings, the manufacture of improvised explosive devices and attacking Coalition Forces.

Two suspected terrorists were detained southeast of al Asad, including one individual who is allegedly an intelligence officer for al-Qaeda in Iraq.

Coalition Forces detained two individuals with suspected ties to al-Qaeda in Iraq and the bombing of the Sarafiyah bridge in Baghdad.

In Mosul, four suspected terrorists are in Coalition Forces custody for allegedly distributing arms for al-Qaeda in Iraq and operating a network using vehicle-borne IEDs.

Coalition Forces also detained three individuals in an overnight raid east of Balad.

“We’re achieving a deliberate, systematic disruption in the al Qaeda in Iraq network,” said Lt. Col. Christopher Garver, MNF-I spokesperson. “These operations will slow al-Qaeda’s ability to target and harm the people of Iraq.”

5 terrorists killed, 20 suspected

Coalition Forces killed five terrorists and detained 20 suspected terrorists Tuesday during overnight raids targeting senior leaders within the al-Qaeda in Iraq network.

Intelligence reports led Coalition Forces to targets associated with senior al-Qaeda leaders west of Taji, Tuesday morning. During an operation there, terrorists engaged ground forces with small arms fire. Coalition Forces used appropriate self-defense measures and engaged the armed men, killing five. Six suspected terrorists were detained.

Coalition Forces found weapons and grenades, which they destroyed on site.

North of Samarra, Coalition Forces detained seven individuals with alleged ties to senior leaders in Al-Qaeda in Iraq.

Five suspected terrorists were detained in a separate Coalition Forces raid west of Taji, and two suspected terrorists were detained in an operation in Mosul.

“These operations will affect al-Qaeda in Iraq’s ability to operate effectively against the people of Iraq, and provide us with more information to disrupt their activities,” said Lt. Col.

Christopher Garver, MNF-I spokesperson.

72 suspected terrorists detained

Coalition Forces captured 72 suspected terrorists and discovered bomb-making materials, Sunday during a constellation of overnight raids targeting the al-Qaeda in Iraq network.

In a massive synchronized effort, Coalition Forces descended on targets in Anbar and Salah ad Din provinces to disrupt the al-Qaeda network. Operations in Samarra alone uncovered 36 individuals with alleged ties to al-Qaeda terrorists.

Near Karmah, intelligence reports led Coalition Forces to 20 five-gallon drums of nitric acid and other bomb-making materials.

“Coalition operations like these continue to chip away at the al-Qaeda in Iraq network, and we will continue to target them as long as they continue to injure and kill the innocent people of Iraq,” said Lt. Col. Christopher Garver, MNF-I spokesperson.


12 more suspected terrorists detained

Coalition Forces detained 12 suspected terrorists Wednesday during overnight raids targeting al-Qaeda senior leaders and an improvised explosive device network in Baghdad.

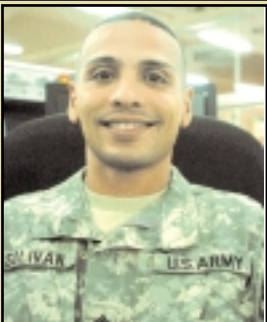
In Anbar province, Coalition Forces followed intelligence leads to several buildings believed to be beddown sites of senior al-Qaeda in Iraq members. When Coalition Forces cleared and searched the buildings, they detained 10 individuals suspected of working with al-Qaeda.

Coalition Forces also detained two individuals in Baghdad suspected of operating an IED cell there.

“We’re steadily dismantling the al-Qaeda network, including the IED network that has been so deadly to the Iraqi people,” said Lt. Col. Christopher Garver, MNF-I spokesperson.




What are you going to do for your mom on Mothers Day?




“I’m going to send her flowers and a watch.”

Staff Sgt. Javier Solivan
HHSC, STB




“I’m going to send her an e-mail and call her.”

Staff Sgt. Steven Holliway
HHOC, STB



“I’ll send her flowers and a card. I’m my mom’s favorite.”

A1C Clint Draughon
Air Force



Ft. Stewart/Hunter Morale, Welfare and Recreation

“Walk to Iraq Kick-Off” @ FS & HAAF
FS: 5 May – 9am, Newman Fitness Center, 767-3031
HAAF: 19 May – 9am, Hunter Fitness Center, 315-5078
3-mile walk kick-off in support of our Soldiers deployed to Iraq.
767-3033

Teen Babysitting Class @ HAAF
12, 19 May- 9am to 5pm
18 May- 1 to 3pm
Must attend all 3 classes
Learn safe & responsible care, leadership & professionalism, interviewing clients, managing a babysitting business, child & infant CPR, plus First Aid. Babysitter’s, CPR, and First Aid Certificates provided. Open to eligible teens (ages 13-18). Registration deadline 10 May.
Cost \$10, limited space available.
315-5708

Mother’s Day Brunch @ FS & HAAF
13 May
FS: 10:30am - 1:30pm, Club Stewart
HAAF: 10:30am - 1:30pm, Hunter Club
Menu features a variety of breakfast items and luncheon family favorites along with omelet station, salad bar, assorted breads and desserts. Cost \$12.95 per adult, children (ages 5-10) half price and (under 5) eat FREE. Bring a group of 20 or more, or a church bulletin and receive \$1.00 off each meal cost.
368-2212 (FS), 353-7923 (HAAF)

Mothers Day Appreciation @ FS
13 May, Corkan Family Recreation
Come to any Corkan Family facility and Mom gets (1) game admission FREE.
767-4273

Gang Awareness Training @ FS & HAAF
7 & 14 May- 1800-1900
FS: Club Stewart
HAAF: Hunter Club
Session provides information on how to identify gang paraphernalia, hand-signs, tattoos, and other gang related activity. Session will also discuss what to do if you spot this activity in the community. Parents, kids and others are invited to attend.
767-4895 (FS), 315-5088 (HAAF)

HAAF Mayors Program
15 May – Deadline for Applications
17 May - Election
Get involved with this year’s search for Candidates to run for Garrison Housing Assistants! Hunter Residents are asked to nominate themselves or someone else on Hunter for the positions. The program goals are to identify what the community needs and improve the flow of information regarding the installation programs affecting community residents on post.
Nomination forms can be obtained at ACS, Bldg. 1286
315-6816/5437

FS & HAAF MWR Bridal Fair
19 May- 1 to 5pm, Club Stewart
“Everything you’ll need for your special day!” Caterers, florists, photographers, honeymoon resorts & more will be present. Military ID card holders and retirees have a chance to shop for a FREE wedding dress in the MWR Bridal Shop.
767-5118

Fort Stewart /Hunter Army Airfield Briefs

Work as a youth volunteer

The American Red Cross Summer Youth Program begins June 11 and concludes July 20. Applications are available at the American Red Cross Office, building 253, Suite 2074. Students must complete youth volunteer application packets and attend orientation by May 31. Work permits must be obtained for all youth under the age of 18. For more information call ARC office at 767-2197.

Healthier Feds initiative targets employees

Healthier Feds provides information and education to Federal employees and retirees about healthy living, greater individual responsibility for personal health, and best-treatment strategies. For more information visit www.healthierfeds.opm.gov.

Glennville Parade, Festival, Onion Run slated

Glennville will host its annual Glennville Parade, Festival and Onion Run, May 12. The run activities, which is headquartered at the First Citizens Bank, features 12 age categories and has a one-mile run and walk starting at 8 a.m., and at 8:30 a.m., a 5K race. You can register 7-7:45 a.m. the day of the race. For more information call Tabitha Smith at 654-1467.

Installation offers Vacation Bible School

Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield will sponsor Vacation Bible School. The Stewart camp will be 9 a.m. to noon, June 4 – 8 and will provide lunch for attendees. The Hunter event is 9 a.m. to noon, June 11 – 15 at the Hunter

Chapel Annex. Both events are available to military dependents, K-6th grade. The Chapel office is requesting the assistance of teachers and assistants. For more information, contact Mike Iliff at 767-9789.

Federal Employee health benefits offered

Stewart and Hunter will host a FEHB Joint Service Day 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., May 23 at Building 253 room 2013A in the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center conference room.

Bicycle recycling drive offered

The Directorate of Public Works will host a bicycle recycling drive now through May 23. If you would like to donate a bike that has suffered from neglect, gently used, or no longer desired – now is the time to make a difference and keep bikes out of the landfills. The collection times are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Friday at the Fort Stewart recycling center, Bldg. 957 on McFarland Avenue, and the Hunter recycling center, Bldg. 726 on Westley Ave. For more information call 767-8880.

Red Cross Military Spring Fling

The Red Cross is offering 1500 free tickets for the May 12 event at Gregory Park and Pavilion. To get your ticket, contact your RFG leader or your military unit. Tickets are also available at the ACS offices at Stewart and Hunter.

Stewart

Register to “Walk to Iraq and Back”

Show support to deployed Soldiers by joining Fort Stewart

and Hunter Army Airfield in a 13,000 mile ‘Walk to Iraq and Back.’ The event kicks off at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, in front of Newman Fitness Center. Registration forms are now available at the Family Readiness Center. For more information, contact Amy Lambert at 320-5400 or Lt. Col. Ellen Birch at 767-4207.

Hunter

Hunter offers free racquetball clinic

Brenda Kyzer, professional racquetball player, will be the hostess for a free racquetball clinic and tournament for ages 18 and up at Hunter Fitness Center at 10 a.m., May 12. The deadline to sign up is 5 p.m., May 11. For more information call 315-2019.

Military Spouse Appreciation Day

ACS will sponsor the May 11 event 10 a.m. – noon, Bldg. 1286. Contact Brenda Hill at 315-2691 for information.

I Walked to Iraq and Back

Hunter spouses and friends will kick off the “Walk to Iraq” campaign May 19, 8:30 a.m. at ACS. Call 655-7004, for more information.

Mother’s Day Brunch

Hunter Club will serve brunch at 10:30 a.m., noon and 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$12.95 for adults; ages 5 -10 eat for half; ages 4 and under eat free.



Stewart

Win a pet fish

Make the closest guess to the number of stones in the fish bowl and take home a special prize, the fish. The event is Now-May 7. The winner will be announced May 8. Sign up at Southern Oaks Community Center.

Enter essay contest

Kids, write us an essay telling us why your mom is special to you and worthy of a prize.

The contestant with the best essay will win mom a certificate for a well deserved manicure and pedicure. The last day to turn in essays is May 10. The winner will be announced on May 11. Turn in essays at

the Southern Oaks Community Center.

Jump rope with GMH

Double dutch or single ropes, we'll be jumping for joy from 3:30-4:40 p.m., May 16, at the Southern Oaks Community Center.

Compete for Yard of the Month

GMH and the ACS Mayors will be selecting one yard in each neighborhood to receive a prize and a sign. Winners will be selected every month for the next 6 months. May winners will be selected and notified by May 15.

Pen Pal Club meeting offered

Make a new friend for life by writing and receiving letters 3:30-4:30 p.m., May 29 at the Southern Oaks Community Center.

Join neighborhood huddles

Sharing ideas, issues or concerns with GMH and help make your neighborhood a great place to live 10:30-11:30 a.m., May 8

at Bryan Village South, May 10 at Southern Oaks, May 17 at Coastal Ridge.

Hunter

Free rent at Wilson Acres

Move in during the month of May and don't pay anything until June.

To apply visit the GMH Community Management Office, apply online at www.haaffamilyhomes.com or call 459-2133 to reserve your home today.

Special prize offered

Make the closest guess to the number of stones in the fish bowl and take home a special prize - the fish. The event is now through May 6. The winner will be announced May 7. Sign up at either GMH Community Center.

Tell us why mom's best

Kids, write us an essay telling us why your mom is special to you. The contestant with the best essay will win mom a certifi-

cate for a well deserved manicure and pedicure. The last day to turn in essays is May 10. The winner will be announced May 11. The essays can be turned in at either GMH Community Center.

Jump Rope with GMH

Double dutch or single ropes, we'll be jumping for joy from 4-5 p.m., May 14 at New Savannah / New Callaway Community Center.

Win Yard of the Month

GMH will be selecting one yard in each neighborhood to receive a prize and a sign. Winners will be selected every month for the next 6 months. May winners will be selected and notified by May 14.

Family Movie Night

Join GMH for a fun family night with featured film, “Happy Feet”(rated PG) from 6-8 p.m., May 18 at Ken Heller Jr. Community Center.



Ask the Judge

Taxes and Deployment

Capt. Shawn Pinkston
Legal Assistance

Every year, many of us dread the approach of April 15, the filing deadline for federal income taxes. Did you submit your 1040 and any related forms before deploying? If not, here's the bottom line on how your deployment affects that deadline.

All Soldiers, while deployed in a combat zone, get an indefinite extension on the filing of their taxes. When you redeploy, you will have at least 180 days to file. You may be asking your-

self,

"Do I have to notify the IRS in order to get an extension?"

The easy answer is no, but it's safer to notify them and avoid any hassle when you return home.

"How does the IRS know I'm deployed?"

Here's how it works: the Department of Defense notifies the IRS of taxpayers who are serving in a combat zone. Once you have been identified as deployed, the IRS automatically suspends their normal actions, such as late fees, interest, audits, or enforced collections.

If you want to make sure the IRS is notified, you can do so through a special e-mail address: combatzone@irs.gov. You should provide your name, stateside address, date of birth, and date of deployment. Do not include your social security number. If for some reason you cannot notify them, your spouse or your authorized agent as designated in a power of attorney can do so on your behalf.

For any questions, come to Legal Assistance, 2nd Floor, Suite 201, Building 621, Fort Stewart or the Legal Center at Hunter Army Airfield.

Legal Notice

Anyone having claims against, or who is indebted to the estate of Pvt. Dominic J. Perry, CAB Home Detachment, 3rd Inf. Div., Hunter Army Airfield, Ga, 31409 contact Capt. Craig Blow, 4/3 Aviation, Hunter Army Airfield, GA 31409, phone: 334-477-6098.

Anyone having claims against, or who is indebted to the estate of Spc. Judon K. Kenya, CAB Home Detachment, 3rd Inf. Div., Hunter Army Airfield, GA 31409, contact Capt. Craig Blow, 4/3 Aviation, Hunter Army Airfield, GA 31409, phone: 334-477-6098.

Anyone having claims against, or who is indebted to the estate of Spc. Eddie Daniel Tamez, D Co. 3rd BSB, Fort Stewart, GA 31314, contact 2nd Lt. Charlene Smalls at 1st BCT, 3rd BSB, Fort Stewart, GA 31314, phone: 767-1921.

Job Site

CPAC recruits youth for summer hire

Students who are 16 years of age at the time of appointment and are enrolled, or have been accepted for enrollment, as degree-seeking (certification, diploma, etc.) students; and are taking at least a half-time course load in an accredited school, may apply for the following positions as temporary appointment through Aug. 4:

•Position: Laborer, WG-3502-

02

Salary: \$11.58 - \$13.52 per hour

•Position: File clerk, GS-0305-

02

Salary: \$10.09 - \$12.70 per hour

•Both are open now through

May 11.

Work Schedule: Full time

Duty Station: Fort Stewart or

Hunter Army Airfield

Duties: Laborer will perform

manual labor tasks requiring the

use of common hand and power tools.

File clerk will perform routine duties related to the establishment and maintenance of files and records.

Application should be submitted to the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center in building 253 at Fort Stewart.

For more information, call 767-

5051.

AAFES, Goodwill offers employment opportunities

Goodwill job offer

Goodwill is offering a position which provides services to the public at attended donation centers. The selectee will take in donations from the public in a courteous and polite manner. Individuals must have excellent

customer service and communication skills, ability to read and write, and lift 50 pounds.

Apply for this position at the Liberty Shopping Center on 115 West Hendry St., Hinesville. Veterans and disabled applicants are welcome to apply.

Federal Employee Health Benefits

Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield will host a FEHB Joint Service Day 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. May 23, at Building 253 room 2013A in the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center conference room.

Justice Served

Sergeant Frank H. Tolbert, III, 2/7 Inf., convicted at special court-martial; violating a general order, sodomy, adultery, indecent acts; reduced to E-1, 5 months confinement.

Private Richard J. Love, 26th BSB, convicted at general court-martial; violating a general regulation, use of cocaine, wrongfully discharging a firearm, assault; reduced to E-1, 36 months confinement, total forfeiture of all pay, bad-conduct discharge.

Specialist Parrish Walker, 3/69 Armor, acquitted at special court-martial, violating a general regulation, negligent

discharge of a firearm.

Private Antwan M. Wilson, 2/7 Inf., convicted at general court-martial; wrongful distribution of MDMA, wrongful possession of marijuana; reduced to E-1, two years confinement, bad-conduct discharge.

Specialist Branton J. Scott, 5/7 Cav., convicted at special court-martial; AWOL; reduced to E-1, two months confinement, bad-conduct discharge.

Staff Sgt. Santiago Cintron, 3rd BSB, convicted at general court-martial; carnal knowl-

edge, sodomy; reduced to E-1, 44 months confinement, dishonorable discharge.

Private Siul A. Barrettmills, 1/30 Inf., convicted at special court-martial; wrongful use of cocaine, MDMA; bad-conduct discharge.

Specialist Evander L. Hunt, 3/69 Armor, convicted at general court-martial; AWOL, wrongful use and possession of marijuana, distribution of cocaine, receiving stolen property; reduced to E-1, two years confinement, bad-conduct discharge.

Private Michael B. Rogoff, 703d BSB, convicted at special court-martial; wrongful possession of testosterone, methadone and durabolin, wrongful use of cocaine and marijuana; reduced to E-1, six months confinement, bad conduct discharge.

Sergeant Brandon Rushing, 5/7 Cav., convicted at general court-martial; desertion with intent to avoid hazardous duty; reduced to E-1, one year confinement, bad-conduct discharge.



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Being informed assists in the readiness of everyone

Sgt. 1st Class Tami Reiman
4th BCT Public Affairs Office

“Man has two supreme loyalties – to country and to Family... So long as their Families are safe, they will defend their country, believing that by their sacrifice they are safeguarding their Families also. But even the bonds of patriotism, discipline and comradeship are loosened when the Family itself is threatened,” according to CPT Sir Basil Liddell Hart, King’s Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, Thoughts on War, 1944.

The 4th Brigade Combat Team’s ability to train, maintain and sustain itself is key to its success during military operations, such as Operation Iraqi Freedom and training at the National Training Center, but just as crucial to its success is a well established Family readiness group, which includes rear detachment personnel.

“As a rear detachment we still have missions to accomplish while units are

deployed forward, with the primary mission of taking care of the Soldiers and their Families,” said Maj. Nestor L. Colls, 4th Brigade Combat Team rear detachment commander. “Also, we provide assistance to the units deployed forward by enhancing their abilities to accomplish their mission by: maintaining regular contact with the unit commander at the mission location; ensuring Families have opportunities to maintain contact with deployed Soldiers; tracking emergency leaves; and maintaining a chain of command for those non-deployed Soldiers.”

The rear detachment commander’s sole mission is to represent the brigade commander and take care of the brigade Soldiers’ Families.

The rear detachment leadership manages the command and control, administrative, logistical, operational, and training responsibilities of the unit. The leadership also supports the deployed unit by handling the in-and-out processing of Soldiers for

deployment. In short, the rear detachment personnel keep the unit functional.

However, one of the most important rear detachment duties is serving as an essential communications link between the deployed unit and its Family members. And one way of accomplishing this is by having a Family readiness group.

The FRG is value added to both the Soldiers and their Families because of the unique support it provides.

“The FRG foundation is the Soldier and Family members and builds from there,” Colls said. “It provides a consistent and established means for them to obtain timely information concerning the welfare of the Soldier and the Family during the deployment.”

The link between the FRG leadership and the rear detachment leadership is the FRG liaison, which is a full time position.

“One great thing is that we have civilians specifically placed in positions at the brigade and the battalions who I consider to

be the experts on FRG,” said Donna L. Leon, 4th BCT FRG liaison.

The FRG is important due to the support it can give to the Soldiers and Family, said Leon. It provides a consistent and established means for them to obtain timely information concerning the welfare of the Soldier and the Family during the deployment.

A strong FRG can definitely be the supporting force needed to help Family members through long deployments, but it can also be part of the supporting force that helps make a unit’s, Soldier’s and Family member’s mission a success.

The FRG helps bring Family members together who have something in common: a loved one away defending freedom.

Keeping in touch with Families and ensuring they are referred to appropriate agencies for assistance is equally important.

This program, although structured for Families, it really benefits single Soldiers too, said Leon.

“You see, a single Soldier’s Family may be Mom or Dad instead of husband or wife, but they are still the Family,” said Leon. “I think this program, when properly implemented, greatly reduces the stress for those involved and allows the Soldier to focus on the mission and the Family to focus on Family care. It supports peace of mind and confidence that resources are available to take care of things in life.”

The deployed commander’s goal is to accomplish the mission while keeping the Soldiers safe and then bringing them home to their Families and communities. The rear detachment commander’s goal works in tandem with that of the deployed commander to help Families solve their problems at the lowest level so that the problems and resulting anxieties do not overflow to the deployed Soldier or require the attention of the deployed commander.

“If Soldiers know their Families are taken care of and if the Families know the Soldiers are taken care of, it’s a win, win situation for everyone,” said Colls. “You take care of Soldiers and their Families and they will always accomplish the mission both at home and abroad.” (Additional information was taken from the U.S. Army Rear Detachment Commander’s Handbook.)



Sgt. 1st Class Tami Reiman

Soldiers from 4th Brigade Combat Team took a quick nap at Fort Stewart’s Caro Physical Fitness Center as they awaited transportation to Hunter Army Airfield, enroute to the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif.

Mock interviews provide realistic training for 4th BCT

Pvt. Jerome F. Arp
4th BCT Public Affairs Office

"Quiet on the floor."
The lights were burning bright. The cameras were strategically placed throughout the room. The microphones were checked and were on.

"5, 4, 3, 2,1."
A 4th Brigade Combat Team commander was introduced by Ann Batson, a reporter with International News Network.

From April 18-19, the 4th BCT commanders participated in a training scenario involving mock interviews with Fort Irwin’s INN at Building 990, nicknamed the "Star Wars" building in Fort Irwin, Calif.

The INN studio resembled the set of a morning talk show. In the scenario INN was a network, much like CNN, that broadcasted worldwide, including to Iraqi citizens.

There was nothing make believe about the training received during the mock interviews. Batson, a retired Air Force supply specialist, asked questions related to each specific unit’s role and tested commanders with questions that were intended to show the Army in a negative light. Batson portrayed the media’s potentially endangering agenda aptly.

"We create the questions from what we, at INN know the commanders can’t cover," said Batson. "We test their ability to com-

municate with a reporter."
"Is the U.S. Army spreading itself too thin?," was just one of the questions asked during an interview.

"The training was very realistic," said Lt. Col. Timothy Newsome, commander of the 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry. "The preparation and effort INN offers really does pay off. I’m able to walk away with an understanding of how to accurately deliver the Army message."

Most of the 4th BCT commanders hit INN’s curve ball questions out of the park. Maj. Jesse Goldman, 4th BCT’s public affairs officer briefed each officer on the do’s and don’ts for the interview. Goldman briefed the commanders on everything from their posture, voice projection, eye contact and even how to avoid the infectious "um".

Even though the commanders were armed with Goldman’s tricks and tips, INN asked a new and challenging question during each interview.

"The interview was no cake walk," said Newsome.

INN has been training commanders during each rotation at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin for seven years.

"I saw a general, which I participated in a training scenario, on CNN during a host nation meeting," said Batson. "He was able to interact with the reporter on the media’s level and didn’t use any military jargon."



Pvt. Jerome F. Arp

Col. Thomas James, 4th Brigade Combat Team commander, speaks with INN reporter Ann Batson about his unit’s mission in the Al Ghazi Province during a simulated live television interview during the brigade’s Mission Readiness Exercise at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif., April 19.

FUN

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Sgt. Kevin Stabinsky

Spc. Robert McCubbins 1/30 Inf. and his son enjoy activities at their unit organization day.

"You look at the kids faces and see the want to win attitude," Adgie said. "We want to export that overseas."

Positive moods, and energy levels depleted from play, were also built up through a smorgasbord of foods.

One of the all day event’s driving forces, Christina Anthony, military outreach Family programs director, said much of the food was made available from support through local businesses and the battalion Family readiness group.

"The community (of Hinesville) is part of our extended Family, so local businesses like McDonalds, Krogers, Wal Mart helped out," she said.

The Hinesville Young Men’s Christian Association and its directors also contributed by providing

the YMCA’s grounds, resources, equipment and buildings for the event. The Fort Stewart Youth Challenge lent a hand by helping serve food, monitoring kids rides and keeping the grounds clean.

While the youths added a lot to the success of the event, help wasn’t just limited to the young. The Hinesville Vietnam Veterans of America, Liberty Chapter 789, were also present to support the troops by cooking and passing out flags.

Harold "Butch" Hemingway said, chapter president. "We want them to get the support we didn’t get. No matter what the papers say we are behind them 100%."

Hemingway said such support is necessary for the troops, who need to have good morale when planes leaves in order to function at their best.

Adgie added the organization day helped achieve this aim too by instilling a confidence that the Families left behind will be cared for.

"(There are) 435 spouses in the battalion, and with kids about 1,500 who the rear detachment is responsible for (once the battalion deploys)," Adgie said. "We want Soldiers to have a comfortable feeling that the organization cares."

The event, which Anthony said took one month of planning, was the final close out to a weeklong series of battalion-sponsored events that also included a battalion run and prayer breakfast.

"It was something we wanted to do (for Soldiers and their Families)," Adgie said. "The turnout was great. It was a win-win for everyone."

Education Matters

Georgia HOPE Grant offered

The HOPE Grant is money given by the state of Georgia to students with financial needs to attend vocational/trade schools. The grant covers certificate and diploma programs. Any Soldier or Family member of a Soldier who is stationed in Georgia may be eligible. If you are interested in attending a Georgia vocational or trade school, inquire with your school's financial advisor or visit the Army Education Center to speak with a counselor.

MGIB transferability to spouses

The Secretary of the Army has approved the transfer of up to 18 months of MGIB benefits to spouses as a pilot program. This program became effective July 21, 2006. The program is bound by law to the retention of critical skills.

Eligible Soldiers must have enrolled in MGIB on DD Form 2366 upon entry to active duty. If you cannot locate your Department of Defense Form 2366, check your official Military Personnel File or go online to Army Knowledge Online for details.

Your Education Counselor can assist you with information about your MGIB benefits. Please contact your unit retention career counselor for details.

Free SAT and ACT test prep software

The Victory Sports Group of NFL football players is sponsoring test prep software for military Families. There will be a small shipping charge for delivery. The sponsorship code is 2ad9c5ccfd for http://sat.eknowledge.com/purchase_coupon.asp.

Get \$4500 in tuition assistance

All active duty members have \$4500 per fiscal year for education. This entitlement is separate from the Montgomery GI Bill benefits available from the Veteran's Administration. Details are available at 1:30 p.m. Monday – Friday during a one hour brief at the Education Center, Room 223. The www.goarmyed.com Web site provides 24 hours, 7 days a week virtual access for Soldiers. Our education counselors are available to assist in educational goal setting and advising.

College testing offered

Columbia College is now providing our college testing services. More than 70 CLEPs and DSSTs are computer based for immediate results. CLEP/DSST testing is free to Soldiers and costs vary from \$80 to \$100 per test for civilians. Columbia will also be the test proctor for all college distance learning tests. There is a \$20 fee for registration. Call 767-7558 or 877-3406 for more information.

Upcoming college term dates

Central Texas College, June 4-July 28, 767-2070 at Stewart, 315-4090 at Hunter.

Columbia College, June 4-July 25, 767-5336 at Stewart, 352-8635 at Hunter.

Embry Riddle, May 29 – July 30, 767-3930 at Stewart, 352-5252 at Hunter.

Savannah Tech, July 9-Sept. 19, 408-2430 at Stewart.

Webster University, May 28-July 30, 767-5357 at Stewart, 354-0033 at Hunter.

Savannah Technical College offers childcare

Childcare is available at the Airport Road Hinesville campus. Contact Natasha Brown at 408-3024 ext 6026 for more details.

Free college tutoring available

Savannah Technical College is offering tutoring in math, English, computers, reading, etc. The service is available at the Hinesville Liberty Campus. Math and tutoring in the other subjects is offered Monday-Friday and is available some evenings. Service at the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Education Center includes math tutoring and is offered at 3:10-5:30 p.m., Monday and Wednesday of each week. You don't have to be enrolled in Savannah Tech to participate. Call 408-3024 for more information.

GED prep and enrichment courses offered

GED preparation courses, offered in partnership with the Liberty County Adult Education Program are held at the Army Education Center on Fort Stewart. These courses will prepare you to take the GED or refresh your skills in basic education subjects. Courses are free of charge on a space available basis. Fort Stewart Education Center hours are: Monday – Thursday 8 a.m.-noon and 1 p.m. – 4 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday evenings 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. in rooms 225 - 228. Please call 368-7322 or 368-7329 for more information.

GED registration available

GED registration is 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. May 7-8 and May 21-22. For more information call 368-7322 or 767-7329.

Check out Green to Gold opportunities

A Green to Gold representative is available at Fort Stewart Education Center at 2 p.m., Today and May 17 and 2 p.m. May 10 and 24 at Hunter. For more information, call 315-6130.

Troops to Teachers/Spouse to Teachers programs

Bill Kirkland, program manager for the Georgia Troops to Teachers Program and Georgia Spouse to Teachers Program will be available to answer questions 11 a.m., May 23. The Georgia Troops to Teachers Program provides eligible servicemembers up to \$10,000 for becoming public school teachers. Under the Spouse to Teachers Programs, eligible military spouses may be reimbursed for the cost of state required certification tests up to a total of \$600. Call 1-800-745-0709 or 767-8331 for more information.

Computerized exams offered

Hundreds of different certification exams, including many information technology, emergency medical technician, paramedic, IBM exams, etc. are now being administered on computer in Room 165, at the education center. Because the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Education Center has become an official Pearson Virtual User Environment center, many Soldiers and Family members have access to a broader variety of tests. For more information, call the test administrator, at 767-9569 or visit www.pearsonVUE.com. A representative from St. Leo

College will visit 1-3 p.m., May 8.

Fort Stewart college graduation postponement

2007 graduates are being invited to join with the 2008 graduates for the May 15, 2008 ceremony at Stewart. We are recommending they contact their individual colleges for an alternate ceremony if they want to walk this year.

Central Texas College offers scholarships

The Central Texas College Foundation office has more than 100 scholarships available to students. These scholarships are not just for students at the Central Campus, but many of these scholarships are available for students attending one of Central Texas College's World Wide Campus. Filling out a single application will give students the opportunity to be considered for all of their available scholarships. The application process is simple, visit www.ctcd.scholarships.nelnet.net, and set up an account.

Hunter Education Center open daily

Counseling support is available 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., five days a week in room 13 at the Hunter Army Airfield Education Center. An Army Education Counselor is available 7:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. on Wednesdays. The Learning Center hours are 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Monday – Friday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Take advantage of a variety of study resources and internet capability. For more information call 315-6130.

Testing Hours: The testing office, room 21, is open two days a week. The open testing hours are 9 a.m. to noon and 1-5 p.m. on Tuesdays. Controlled testing (CLEP/DSST) is given 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Wednesday. You must call 315-3790 or fax 315-6790 for an appointment, or email chena.wilson@us.army.mil.

Colleges: The next college term for Webster University, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Columbia College, and Central Texas College begins at the end of May. It is time to get all financial applications completed. Remember that these schools are located at the Hunter Army Airfield Education Center, Bldg. 1290.

Gang Awareness Training slated

The Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield Directorate of Emergency Services will host Gang Awareness training 6-7 p.m. May 7 at Club Stewart and May 14, at the Hunter Club.

The purpose is to provide information on how to identify gang paraphernalia, hand-signs, tattoos, and other gang-related activity and what to do if you spot this activity in our community.

Parents, kids, and others are invited to attend. For more information about these presentations, please contact the Police Station at Stewart at 767-4895 or Hunter at 315-5088.



Special to the Frontline

Fire Inspector Debra Hudson began her Civil Service career working for the California Department of Forestry in 1978. While working with them, Hudson and her crew cleared the border between the United States and Mexico with a 200-foot wide fuel break, worked on fire lines cutting brush on the fire cold lines, and worked in fire camps. Debra joined the United States Forest Service in 1979 and worked as a firefighter on a Model 60 five-man "Initial Attack" brush truck, covering the southernmost region of the California Mexico border.

Debra became a helitac crewman in 1982, serving on a Ramona, Calif. helicopter for the USFS. The helitac crew provided an "ini-

tial attack" response with a three-man Hughes 500 helicopter and a three-man Bell 206 Jet Ranger helicopter. This team covered the southern region of California to Los Angeles County.



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Debra Hudson

Hudson transferred to the Miramar Naval Air Station in 1985 and served on the Crash Firefighting Rescue Crew. She then transferred to Naval Air Station Memphis in 1989 and served as a crash crew/structural firefighter. In 1994, while working at NAS Memphis, she became a fire inspector. In 2001, Debra transferred to Fort Stewart. She has been a driving force in the Fire Prevention Branch of the Fort Stewart Fire Department and is also currently enrolled in an EMT-B course.

New fire extinguisher program ignites at Stewart, Hunter

Special to the Frontline

The Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield fire departments have recently taken over the responsibility for the servicing of facility fire extinguishers. This is a new and innovative program designed to take the burden of maintaining fire extinguishers away from individual units and activities and to utilize the fire department as the central source for the inspection, maintenance, and testing of fire extinguishers.

The Fire Department will come to your facility to inspect and inventory all existing fire extinguishers, gathering the following information for each extinguisher: manufacturer, manufacture date, six-year

required maintenance date and 12-year replacement date. They will then assign a control number to each existing fire extinguisher by serial number. It is also important to note that this program applies only to facility fire extinguishers and does not apply to vehicle fire extinguishers. the following is a brief outline of the user and fire department responsibilities under this new program:

The fire department will:

- Inspect and inventory existing facilities and fire extinguishers.
- Replace old, outdated, non-serviceable, non-functioning, missing or inappropriate type of fire extinguishers.
- Perform the annual

inspection and all required maintenance.

- This will be accomplished at no cost to the user.

The user will:

- Conduct the monthly serviceability check.
- Notify the fire department of any lost, stolen, damaged or discharged fire extinguishers.
- Reimburse the fire department for the replacement cost of lost, stolen, damaged or maliciously discharged fire extinguishers.

To find out if your organization is covered under this program, or if you have any other questions, call 767-7006 at Stewart or 315-6495 at Hunter.

Logisticians help maintain combat readiness



Staff Sgt. Castro takes a kneel to check her supplies.

Sgt. Kevin McSwain
3rd HBCT Public Affairs

FOB HAMMER, Iraq—Before Soldiers of the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division can conduct a combat mission, they must ensure they have the equipment needed to accomplish it.

If they do not have it, the mission essential equipment can be supplied by the Soldiers of A Company, 203rd Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd HBCT, 3rd Inf. Div.

"We support the units here by providing them with the equipment needed to accomplish their mission," said Staff Sgt. Johanna Castro, 203rd BSB noncommissioned officer in charge of warehouse operations.

Castro, from said any Soldier authorized by their commander could come to their office and request supplies.

"We are the bulk warehouse for everyone here who is a part of the brigade," she said.

The logistical team is able to respond to the needs of each unit because of the large amount of equipment they have on hand.

"We carry more than 4,500 lines of supply ranging from repair parts to construction material," said Chief Warrant Officer Pandora Searls, 203rd BSB supply systems technician.

Searls said a line refers to an individual item kept in stock at all times.

"A line consists of five to 1,000 similar items," she said.

Searls said setting up a supply system to support the brigade has not been an easy task.

"We have definitely had our chal-

enges," said Searls.

"We have had to establish operations in an area that was not preoccupied."

Once the supply and support activity area was established, the supply team began to separate and organize their supplies.

"For more than two weeks, we have been organizing supplies to better support the brigade's mission," Castro said.

"Once the product is processed, it is logged into our system for automated tracking."

Searls attributed their success to the hard work of the Soldiers in the unit that set up operations of the logistical area before the arrival of the main part of the brigade.

"The expertise of our supply team and close communication with units prepared us to supply the needs of our Soldiers as soon as they arrived in the area of operation."

As the supply team of 203rd BSB continues to support the Soldiers of 3rd HBCT, they feel a sense of pride and accomplishment during their mission.

"I am proud to say that we have been able to stand this operation up and supply the needs of the brigade at the same time," Searls said.

Though most of the Soldiers in this unit may never participate in a combat mission, they know the work they are doing here is making a difference.

"This is my way of having an effect in this war," Castro said with pride.

"I make sure the Soldiers that are conducting dangerous missions every day are supplied with what they need to come back home safe."

3/15 Inf works with Iraqi police to conduct searches

Staff Sgt. Sean Riley
3rd HBCT Public Affairs

FORWARD OPERATING BASE HAMMER, Iraq - A mission dubbed Operation Chalons on April 23 allowed D Company, 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, and an Iraqi national police company to work together to accomplish their mission.

The cordon and search mission was conducted in an effort to secure a suspected anti-Iraqi forces weapons cache located in 3rd HBCT's operating area.

"Our goal is to demonstrate partnership," said Maj. John Cushing, 1/15 Inf., operations officer.

"As well as improve the security of our area."

During the operation, Dragon company also conducted inspections of police

checkpoints throughout their sector. The impromptu inspections showed the national police to be more observant and watchful at their checkpoint than had been seen before. The Dragons believe this to be a good sign of things to come.

The inspections also revealed some NP checkpoints were redundant or not necessarily in the best strategic locations.

"The inspections helped us ID which checkpoints were necessary," said Cushing.

Cushing feels the operation confirmed increased Coalition Forces and Iraqi security forces coordination and cooperation.

"(It) was to demonstrate there are two elements out there," said Cushing.

"That shows we are willing to work together."



Master Sgt. Andy Dunaway

Sgt. 1st Class Donal Mathena briefs his Soldiers on Operation Chalons in Jisr Diyala, Iraq, April 23. Mathena is assigned to 1/15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd HBCT, 3rd Inf. Div.

WATER — From Page 1A

"The purpose of the site survey was to see if the water pump station was working to full capacity," said Kuhn.

The station workers were eager to show the Sledgehammer Brigade Soldiers the station and took the time to explain what they thought was needed to help their people get the water they desperately need.

Kuhn is not only the Deputy Commander of the Sledgehammer Brigade, but he is also heading the brigade's Provincial Reconstruction Team. The

3rd HBCT PRT is made up entirely of uniformed personnel from the brigade and aims to assist the local Iraqi government in its efforts to improve essential services, such as, water distribution.

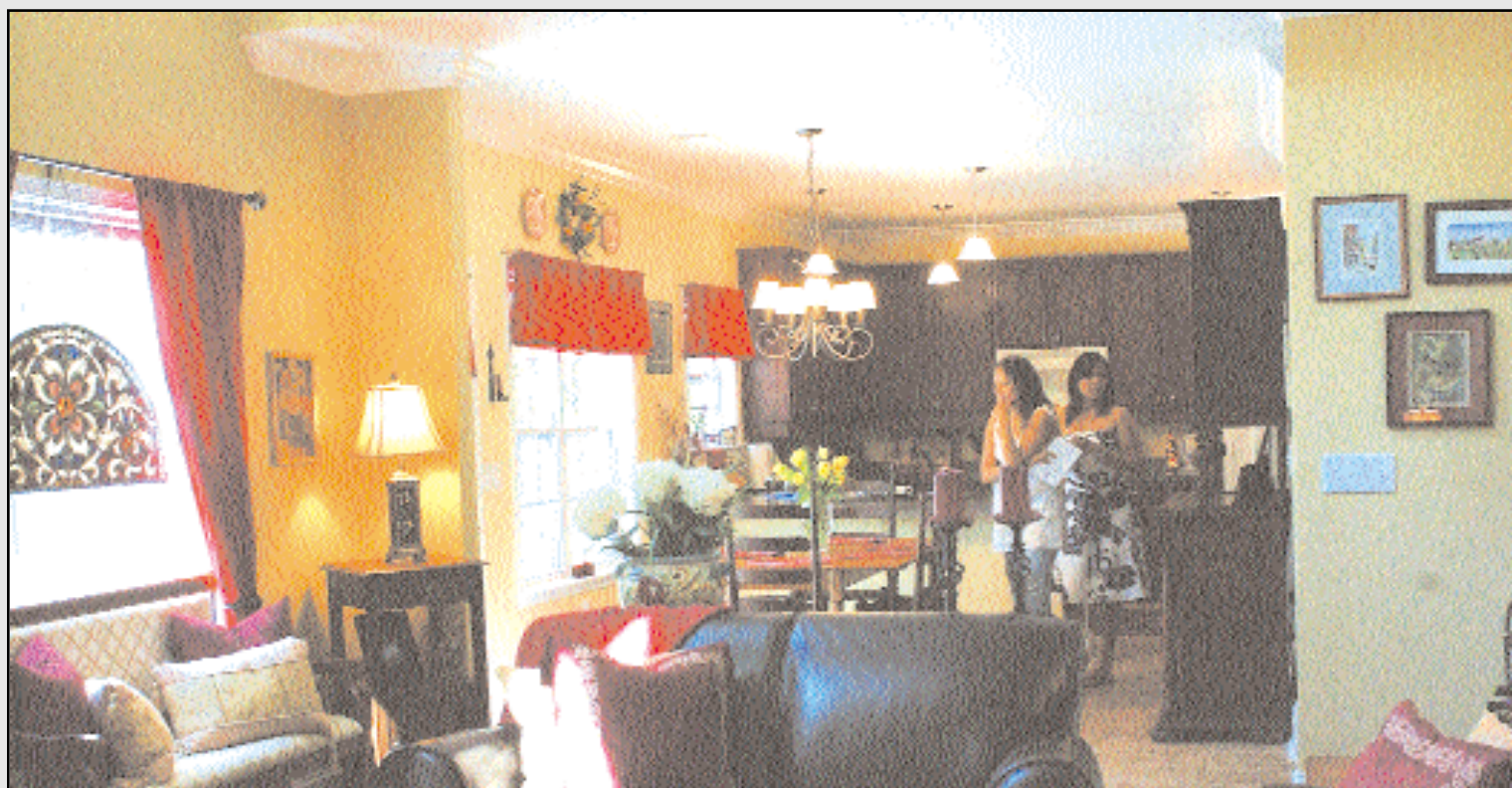
The Sledgehammer Brigade PRT will have assistance in accomplishing this important project.

"We will be talking with the Ministry of Agriculture, the Ministry of Oil, the Ministry of Electricity and the local Qada leaders to determine what their plan is to fix the station," said Kuhn.



Spc. Ben Hutto

Lt. Col. Ryan Kuhn, the deputy commanding officer of the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, listens as the workers of the Al Bawi water pump station outside Kakuf explain the needs of their station, April 23. The 3rd HBCT is working to improve living conditions for their Iraqi neighbors. Kuhn said the unit will work to fix the damaged water station.



Tour of Homes

Nondice Powell
Public Affairs Office

Patricia Franco (Left) and her daughter Maria take a look at the home of Lt. Col. Michael Corson, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment commander. The Francos, whose home was also on display, were visiting during the Tour of Homes sponsored by the Hunter Spouses' Club.

The tour took visitors to ten homes and two community centers on Hunter Army Airfield.

"It's a great way for people in the outside community, the civilian world, to come on post and see how we live," said Alison McKinnney, design consultant. "It's a nice event for the spouses to do design and decorating. Everyone wants their house to be a home, especially when you move a lot."

The Hunter Spouses' Club raised more than \$700 for the Hunter Army Airfield Spouses' Club and Welfare Fund.

Marne Television Schedule

Time	MARNE	CHAT	w/Dina	3rd	ID	in	Iraq-	2 p.m.	Channel	Iraq	Daily Devotional	CG Stand Up or Audience
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				CGs NewComers Brief							8:30 p.m.	TION MATTERS w/Kaytrina Sharp

D.A.R.E.'s Winning Essays

Many of you are familiar with the D.A.R.E. program that is taught in our area schools. One of the program requirements is that each student writes an essay in order to graduate. Essays are judged by teachers, D.A.R.E. officers and Fort Stewart Police Department personnel. One overall winner is selected from each school and they are awarded a prize. Prizes this year include a \$50 AAFES gift certificate, gift bags from MWR and a stuffed Daren the D.A.R.E. Lion. Runners-up from each class will also receive a prize. The overall winners are Savannah Williams from the Fort Stewart Elementary School, Devin Pless from Brittin Elementary School and Kainoa Nomura from Diamond Elementary School. The following is an essay written by Devin Pless. Check out the May 10 and 17 issue of the Frontline to read the other two winning essays.

Devin Pless

Brittin Elementary School

In this paper I will talk about drugs and how they affect our bodies. Also, I will talk about peer pressure and the good and bad of it, how violence affects us and ways to prevent it, and how the D.A.R.E. decision making model is good for me and what it stands for.

Tobacco hurts people. Tobacco affects many parts of your body, such as the brain, liver, mouth, throat, lungs, and heart. Advertising tobacco companies try to get kids to buy and smoke the cigars and cigarettes that they make because most kids know less about tobacco and how it affects the human body than most adults. The tobacco companies are in so many places that they advertise in different languages. It is illegal to sell tobacco to people under the age of 18. Smokers have more colds and upper chest problems than non-smokers. The toxic poison in tobacco makes your teeth yellow, dries out your skin, makes it all wrinkly, and gives you bad breath. A lot of people smoke tobacco because they want to lose weight. Losing that weight could make you die. About 3,000 people that don't smoke die every year because of breathing in the smoke of the smokers. Smoking hurts your friends and family. Smoking can make you dizzy and have shortness of breath. Chewing tobacco dehydrates you. Over 400,000 people die each year because of smoking tobacco, and most are over the legal age, for smoking. Cigarettes have nicotine, and nicotine is very dangerous, and addicting. There are over 200 poisons in tobacco known to man. Smoking can give you heart disease, cancer of the lung, mouth, and kidney. It can also make you loose teeth. I can avoid tobacco by hanging with the right crowd.

Marijuana is not good for our bodies. Marijuana affects your brain, throat, mouth, lungs, heart, and liver. Marijuana users are at a higher risk for getting cancer. Marijuana users have more colds and infections in their

lungs and chest area. There is a higher amount of tar in marijuana than in cigarettes. Marijuana has 50-70% more of certain cancer causing chemicals than in tobacco. Smoking marijuana gives you breathing problems. You can have a short-term memory loss with marijuana. Marijuana can be addictive and it slows your thoughts down. I can avoid marijuana by staying away from it and peers that might try to pressure me into using it.

Alcohol is very bad. I have learned that alcohol is illegal for anyone under the age of 21. Alcohol is bad but worse for a growing teen. I will not drink alcohol. Alcohol slows down your brain and your body. Alcohol causes loss of coordination, slowed reflexes, loss of self-control, poor judgment, memory lapses, and slurred speech. Too much alcohol can put you in a coma, or worse, kill you. Alcohol can hurt every organ in the body. If you're with someone who is drinking there is a higher risk of injury, car crashes and violence. That is why alcohol is definitely bad.

I learned a lot about peer pressure. Peer pressure can be good, and bad. Peer pressure can be bad if someone is pressuring you to do something, like if someone is pressuring you to do bad drugs. It can be good if someone pressures you to do something like, finishing your homework so you can go play outside. Peer pressure can lead you into the wrong crowd. It can make you an addict to beer and other drugs if you give into it. I should handle it by not giving in to peer pressure, or I



Devin Pless

could hang with the right crowd. Those are the things I learned about peer pressure.

The D.A.R.E. Decision Making Model is good for me. If I were in a bad situation, and being pressured to drink, I would use the D.A.R.E. Decision Making Model to help me. The Decision Making Model has been taught to many kids. The D in D.A.R.E. stands for define, describe the problem, challenge opportunity. The A stands for assess, what are your choices. R stands for respond, make a choice. E stands for evaluate, review your decision. D.A.R.E. can keep me healthy and out of trouble.

Violence is very bad. Violence can kill you. Violence can put you in jail. Violence can hurt or kill your friends or family. I can avoid violence by hanging with people who don't beat me up everyday.

I hope you have liked reading my paper and how I have learned different ways to stay away from drugs and violence. I hope to handle peer pressure better and stay away from people who are bad influences on me and have friends who just want to have fun and hang out, not cause trouble. In conclusion, I would like to make a few pledges to myself, my family, and my friends. I, Devin Lynn Pless, pledge not to do illegal drugs. I pledge not to drink alcohol. I pledge not to use cocaine. I pledge not to use Crystal Meth. I pledge to follow the D.A.R.E. rules.

U.S. Soldiers become U.S. citizens



Pfc. Monica K. Smith

John Yasar and Jason Jueanville, B Co. 603rd ASB, became U.S. citizens April 20.

Pfc. Monica K. Smith
CAB Public Affairs

John Yasar and Jason Jueanville, both members of B Co., 603rd Aviation Support Battalion, became U.S. citizens April 20 during a naturalization ceremony in Atlanta.

"You know," said Yasar, "when I was growing up, America was the super-country. The dream. America is the country to live in. I was 18-years old when I decided to be a citi-

zen of this country and I wasn't even here yet."

Though Yasar and Jueanville can take a moment to celebrate their newfound citizenship, others are still working through the process. To these people Jueanville offers words of encouragement.

"I would tell others to keep trying," he said.

"Don't give up and stay on top of things. We had help from our chain of command."

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Children of the Holocaust remembered at installation ceremony

Pat Young
Frontline Staff

The 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield hosted a Days of Remembrance Program, April 25 at Moon Theater to mark the occasion and honor the more than six million fallen Jewish victims of Nazi brutality.

"The Holocaust was a state sponsored systematic persecution and animalization of the European Jewish people by Nazi Germany and its allies between 1933 and 1945," said Earl Hoover, human resources technician and commentator at this years event.

Hoover said although the Jewish people were the primary victims of the Holocaust, the atrocities targeted other ethnic, religious or political groups such as gypsies, Polish, Jehovah Witnesses and Soviet prisoners of war.

Hoover noted that among the victims were one million Jewish children.

Sgt. 1st Class Harold Crowther, installation Jewish liaison, read a poem called 'Riddle' written by William Haley, which illustrated the dark oppression of the camps. The poem asked the question, "Who killed the Jews?" listing the planners, executioners or people who

stood by and ignored the problem.

The ceremony, entitled "Children in Crisis: Voices from the Holocaust" featured guest speaker Melinda Mandelbaum Stein, a child of Holocaust survivors.

Stein spoke about her early years with her parents, and began by asking the audience when considering the current world affairs, if there was such a thing as true evil.

"It seems that today, when an individual, or group or nation commits something unspeakable, there always seems to be reasons," Stein said. She asked to consider the instances where the excuses of growing up with a bad childhood or

poor finances were used. She also asked attendees to consider the tragedies of the children of the Holocaust.

Stein related stories from her mother, who was a slave laborer in an ammunitions factory in Poland and her father who was a fighter against Nazis. She spoke of the conditions of the camps and what the children were subjected to. She spoke of the prisoner's oppression and hope for redemption. She told how some of the children tried to find ways to express themselves using available resources, like ashes and blood, to write and draw. She shared memories of her own child-

hood and growing up not knowing the love of grandparents, because they were killed in the death camps.

She noted the need to stand up and maintain vigilance against what some would consider true evil.

"As the specter of racial hatred has resurfaced, repeatedly, in the decade since the holocaust," Hoover said, "the voices of the children from the Holocaust serve as a potent reminder that there are dangers in the world today that must be remembered. Not just to honor past victims, but also for the sake of present and future generations."

FIRE

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Law, who when not performing his duties at Hunter Army Airfield, serves as a volunteer firefighter with the Pooler Fire Department.

"I came down here last week with the Pooler Fire Department and knew my detachment could help in the effort," Law said.

The unity of effort made noticeable improvements in the situation.

"Already the Army has made a difference," said Jerome Harvey, spokesperson, Georgia Forestry Commission. "Immediately after they arrived, we deployed them to U.S. Highway 1 to maintain a defensive position to ensure the fire did not jump the highway."

Law's men accomplished the mission by quickly extinguishing each spot fire that popped up on the other side of the highway.

"(The Soldiers from the Army) are invaluable," Harvey



Steve Hart

Soldiers from the 514th Engineer Firefighting Detachment help battle the blaze to stop fire from spreading.

said. "They are very disciplined and are able to adapt to changing situations. They quickly learned what the conditions are and in no time at all were working alongside Forestry Commission personnel and local firefighters as part of a team."

On Friday, the Soldiers of the 514th were used in a support capacity. The mobility and versatility of the unit's tactical firefighting truck, a heavy expanded mobility tactical truck, commonly called a HEMTT, equipped with advanced firefighting capabilities including a 1,000-gallon water tank and a dual-agent foam system.

The truck is able to deploy to a wide variety of terrains and combat five types of fires/hazards: wildland, structural, petroleum, oils and lubricants and hazardous materials, tactical vehicle and aircraft crashes. The unit, assigned to the 260th Quartermaster Battalion, used the TFFT to dispense water and foam to smaller firefighting vehicles deployed to extinguish small spot fires.

Spc. Rocky Rhodes, a fireman in the 514th, served in the San Bernadino, Calif. Fire Department before joining the Army.

"I love this job," Rhodes said. "Our guys really draw from each other in times like this. Because when we are at home station augmenting the Hunter Fire Department, we focus on structural airfield response firefighting. This is an excellent training opportunity for us to hone our wildland firefighting skills."

"It's also great that we are able to help out in the homeland by protecting citizens and national resources like the Okefenokee Swamp Park," Rhodes added.

As of Monday, the fires, which began April 16, were 70 percent contained, according to the Georgia Forestry Commission. However, unrelated fires are now being fought in Wayne, Charlton and Atkinson counties. Changing winds and the drought-parched forest and swampland continue to feed the expansion of the vast fires, already the largest in Georgia history.

87th CSSB deploys



Spc. Marques Hunt

Pfc. Matthew Arrington, from the 135th QM Co, 87 CSSB, 3rd Sustainment Brigade, embraces his 2 year-old Godson, Myles Hunt, as he spends his final minutes with friends and Family before deploying to Iraq.